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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have been following this case, and don't believe litigation was necessary at all. The computer industry is very competitive. I believe the competition pursued litigation in order to distract Microsoft and level the "playing field". Now that several more states and companies want to pursue further litigation, what are they trying to accomplish?

Microsoft has been more than fair in settling this case. They agreed to license its operating system to the twenty largest computer companies for identical conditions and prices. They also agreed to design all future versions of Windows, to provide a mechanism to make it easier for computer companies, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows.

Let's end the distraction and go back to business. Microsoft can go back to reviving its company and the technical sector. Government can work on bringing us out of this recession.

Sincerely,

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